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EXAMINER: DEBORAH C. LAMBKIN

FILED: JUNE 22, 2001

GROUP: 1626

TITLE: USE OF BISPHOSPHONATES FOR THE PREVENTION AND
TREATMENT OF INFECTIOUS PROCESSES

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

ATTN: BOX FEE AMENDMENT
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated SEPTEMBER 6, 2002,
with the time for reply having been extended for two months, from
October 6, 2002 until DECEMBER 6, 2002, Applicant respectfully
responds as follows:

REMARKS

The Patent Examiner has required a restriction to one of the
following two inventions:

Group I: Claims 12-21, drawn to bis-phosphonates wherein R2
is a non-heterocyclic residue.

Group II: Claims 12-21 drawn to bis-phosphonates wherein R2
is a heterocyclic residue.